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SUBJECT: IEA: LE CHEMINANT REPLACES WILLIAMS AS

SENIOR UK REPRESENTATIVE

1. WITH THE DEPARTURE OF LEONARD WILLIAMS TO ASSUME A DIRECTOR GENERAL POSITION WITH THE EC COMMISSION, PETER LE CHEMINANT HAS BEEN SHIFTED TO DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR THE COMMUNITY AND INTERNATIONAL POLICY DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY. IN THIS CAPACITY, LE CHEMINANT WILL BE CONCERNED WITH EC AND CIEC AFFAIRS AS WELL AS REPRESENT THE UK ON THE IEA GOVERNING BOARD. HE ALSO WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THE OIL POLICY (HOME) DIVISION AND THUS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEPARTMENTAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE DOMESTIC OIL INDUSTRY, EXCLUDING NORTH SEA MATTERS.

2. AT 49 YEARS OF AGE, LE CHEMINANT HAS SPENT MOST OF HIS 26 YEARS IN THE BRITISH CIVIL SERVICE IN ENERGY-RELATED POSITIONS. HE ENTERED THE MINISTRY OF FUEL AND POWER IN 1949 AND SERVED AS ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AND THEN PRINCIPAL UNTIL 1964 WHEN HE JOINED THE CABINET OFFICE. HE SERVED AS A PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER FROM 1965 TO 1968 AND THEN RETURNED TO AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY POST IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER CONCERNED WITH VARIOUS AREAS OF ENERGY POLICY. FROM 1971 TO 1974 HE WAS AN UNDER SECRETARY (IN THE DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND

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INDUSTRY) RESPONSIBLE FOR INDUSTRIAL ASPECTS OF REGIONAL

DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING NEGOTIATIONS IN THE EEC TO ESTABLISH THE EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND. SINCE HIS PROMOTION TO DEPUTY SECRETARY IN FEBRUARY 1974 WITHIN THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, LE CHEMINANT HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENERGY POLICY AND CONSERVATION DIVISION AND THE CORPORATE PLANNING AND FINANCE DIVISION. THESE RESPONSIBILITIES INCLUDED GENERAL SUPERVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT'S RELATIONSHIP WITH NATIONALIZED ENERGY INDUSTRIES AND CENTRAL DIRECTION AND CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT'S EXPENDITURE PROGRAM.

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